

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 2:00 PM
PLACE:	Dover Police Department – Assembly Room 400 S Queen St. – Dover, DE 19904

SLEAF Committee Members Present:

- (1) Albert J. (“AJ”) Roop, State Prosecutor, Delaware Department of Justice
- (2) Major Robert Hudson, Delaware State Police
- (3) Capt. Benjamin Feldmann, New Castle County Police Department
- (4) Inspector Charles Emory, Wilmington Police Department
- (5) Major Timothy Stump, Dover City Police Department
- (6) Chief Kenneth Brown, Sussex County
- (7) Jeffrey Horvath, Kent County
- (8) Chief Laura Giles, New Castle County

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph Handlon, Delaware Department of Justice
Alvina Boulware, Delaware Department of Justice
Kimberly Moro, Delaware Department of Justice

Call to Order

State Prosecutor AJ Roop called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

Opening Remarks

Mr. Horvath updates Committee on the Body Worn Camera (“BWC”) Contracts. The State of Delaware has signed contracts with *Coban* and *Axion*. A contract with *Watchguard* is still pending due to company merger issues. Website provides information and procedures regarding implementation of the BWC including the need for prior DTI approval. Mr. Roop asks the Committee for thoughts on hearing the already pending BWC applications. Mr. Roop prefers confirmation of an agency’s technical capabilities before hearing the requests. Mr. Roop suggests an addendum of confirmation be provided by the agency prior to hearing the application. Mr. Horvath agrees, indicating the various options for data storage still being discussed may play a role in an agency’s request. Chief Brown indicates agencies have already experienced a significant wait and applications should be heard as quickly as possible. Mr. Roop concurs but notes lack of technological ability would negate the use of the funds. Chief Giles raises the issue that the applications may have become outdated and no longer compatible with the details of the new contracts. Chief Giles and Mr. Horvath suggest requesting updated “re-submits” from those standing applications, while preserving their place in the queue. Mr. Roop moves to require current bids be updated based on the new state contracts and accompanied by DTI certification prior to presentation

before the Committee. These revised bids will maintain priority over new bids. Committee unanimously approves.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Following confirmation of the accuracy of the previous meeting's minutes, Mr. Horvath moved to approve the June 11, 2019 meeting minutes and Chief Brown seconded the motion. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the SLEAF Committee unanimously approved the minutes. Chief Giles, Inspector Emory and Capt. Feldmann abstained, as they were not present at the June meeting.

Consideration of SLEAF Applications

As noted in the Guidelines (3.3), the Committee does not consider applications if the agency is not present. The following agencies were not present at the time attendance was taken; thus, their pending applications were tabled.

1. Agency: Ocean View PD / Application #18-029

The application seeks \$5,225.00 to upgrade four (4) vehicles with wireless transfer equipment to facilitate the down load of patrol vehicle video. Chief Brown moved to table the application until the next meeting. Chief Giles seconded. Application tabled.

2. Agency: Delaware City PD / Application #18-044

The application seeks \$22,945.00 to install a camera system to monitor city parks. Chief Brown moved to table the application until the next meeting. Chief Giles seconded. Application tabled.

3. Agency: Capitol PD / Application #19-054

The application seeks \$28,021.00 to outfit 70 officers with ballistic riot helmets. Chief Brown moved to table the application until the next meeting. Chief Giles seconded. Application tabled.

Mr. Roop advised the Committee that funds requested exceed funds available and asked present agency representatives if any wished to withdraw, reduce, or table pending applications. The following applications were withdrawn, reduced or tabled at the request of the agency:

1. Agency: New Castle City PD / Application #18-074

The application seeks \$1,055.74 to fund body armor for an officer. Chief McCabe provided written confirmation prior to the meeting of his request to withdraw this application. Application withdrawn.

2. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application# 19-003

The application seeks \$17,000.00 for "Justification Force Science Certification and Advance Specialist" training for Homicide Unit Detectives related to departmental shooting investigations. Major Hudson requested to withdraw this application as it is a duplicate. Application withdrawn.

3. Agency: Harrington PD / Application #19-025

The application seeks \$8,000.00 to purchase 2 APX6500 mobile radios w microphone and in-dash cameras mounts to replace outdated models currently in use. Agency Representative requested to withdrawn this application. Application withdrawn.

4. Agency: Ellendale PD / Application# 19-026

The application seeks \$4,801.32 for the purchase of upgrading current radio to APX Motorola Portable radio w accessories and battery charger. Current model being phased out. Agency Representative asked to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

5. Agency: Middletown PD / Application #19-027

The application seeks \$1,792.00 to fund one officer to attend the SMILE conference on social media for the masses. Agency Representative asked to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

6. Agency: Seaford PD / Application#: 19-005

The application seeks \$6,658.29 to purchase a Motorola radio and funding for one officer to attend SMILE training. Agency Representative asked to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled. *As funds became available towards the end of the meeting, Major Hudson made a motion to re-introduce this application. Motion second by Mr. Horvath. Agency Representative requested to reduce the request to \$4,059.29 for purchase of radio only. Capt. Feldmann made motion to approve the amended amount, Chief Brown seconded. The application was unanimously approved.

7. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application# 19-029

The application seeks \$17,000.00 for “Justification Force Science Certification and Advance Specialist” training for Homicide Unit Detectives related to departmental shooting investigations. Major Hudson requested to table this application until next meeting. Application tabled.

8. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application# 19-043

The application seeks \$1,700.00 to fund evaluations of two (2) EOD bomb/explosives robots. Capt. Treadwell requested to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled. *As funds became available towards the end of the meeting, Mr. Horvath made a motion to un-table and approve this application. Motion second by Chief Giles. The application was unanimously approved. Capt. Feldmann abstained.

9. Agency: Ellendale PD / Application# 19-053

The application seeks \$1,239.00 to purchase a laptop computer with upgraded Windows 10 and DELJIS compatibility to replace a Windows 7 version. Agency Representative requested to table this application until next meeting. Application tabled.

*A written request by the **New Castle County Police Department** to withdraw **Applications 19-045, 19-047 and 19-048** was provided prior to the meeting date.

Mr. Roop, noting the current funds requested exceed the funds available, requests the Committee determine prioritization for presentation of the remaining applications:

1. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application# 19-032

The application seeks \$5,000.00 to fund supplies, repairs and training items for the statewide ION Scanner. Delaware State Police oversees the maintenance and use of the scanner for all seized currency cases within the state. Motion to approve by Capt. Feldmann, seconded by Maj. Stump. The application was unanimously approved. Major Hudson abstained.

2. Agency: Delaware Department of Justice / Application# 19-039

The application seeks \$10,000.00 to fund fees associated with the public notification of seized property statewide in accordance with statute. Motion to approve by Major Hudson, seconded by Capt. Feldmann. The application was unanimously approved. Mr. Roop abstained.

3. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application# 19-031

The application seeks \$75,000.00 to fund assistance in the Firearms Services Unit. FSU handles all ballistics analysis for weapons cases statewide. Motion to approve by Chief Brown, seconded by Chief Giles. The application was unanimously approved. Major Hudson abstained.

4. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application# 19-030

The application seeks \$70,000.00 to fund the purchase of a ballistic comparison microscope for the Firearms Services Unit to replace two (2) microscopes that are over 30 years old. The microscope aids in the analysis of all firearms cases statewide. At present, FSU analyses are funded primarily by SLEAF. Major Hudson asks for \$35,000.00 at this meeting and to table the remaining \$35,000.00 until next meeting. Motion to approve by Capt. Feldmann, seconded by Mr. Horvath. The application was unanimously approved. Major Hudson abstained. *As funds became available towards the end of the meeting, Mr. Horvath made a motion to re-introduce this application. Motion second by Capt. Feldmann. Motion by Mr. Horvath to award the remainder of the funds from this meeting towards the pending \$35,000.00 tabled portion of this request. Capt. Feldmann made motion to approve the dispensation of \$24,960.59, Chief Brown seconded. The application was unanimously approved. Major Hudson abstained. The remaining \$10,039.41 tabled until next meeting.

At this time, funds available are sufficient to meet the needs of the remaining funds requested. Mr. Roop asks Committee if anyone has questions they wish to address for any of the remaining applications:

1. Agency: Delaware State University / Application# 19-034

The application seeks \$9,055.00 to fund the purchase of a golf cart to allow officers greater mobility throughout the campus. Committee requests more details regarding need, use, other available options within their agency/the university, noting with extremely limited funding available, officer safety issues take precedence over convenience/limited use items. Motion to approve by Major Stump, seconded by Chief Brown. Major Hudson, Chief Giles, Capt. Feldmann, Inspector Emory opposed. Majority required to approve. The application was denied.

2. Agency: Harrington PD / Application# 19-038

The application seeks \$18,429.74 for purchase and installation of an IP security camera system. At Capt. Feldmann request, Agency Representative informs Committee the current agency-wide

system is over 10 years old. This new system allows expansion to previously uncovered areas inside and out where officer safety was at risk before due to lack of camera monitoring. Motion to approve by Capt. Feldmann, seconded by Mr. Horvath. The application was unanimously approved.

3. Agency: Seaford PD / Application# 19-037

The application seeks \$7,730.06 to fund the purchase of a radio, stop stock, 20 tourniquets and 29 pairs of needle-stick proof gloves. Agency Representative asks to withdraw the request for a radio and the stop stick and ask for gloves and tourniquets only, thus reducing the requested amount to \$2,791.64. Motion to approve by Capt. Feldmann, seconded by Insp. Emory. The application was unanimously approved.

At this time, the Committee has no questions regarding the specifics of the remaining requests. After conferring with counsel, Mr. Roop inquires if Committee wishes to consider approving the remaining items without further discussion. Mr. Horvath makes motion to approve the following applications. Major Stump seconds. The remainder of the Committee approves. Therefore, the following applications are unanimously approved:

1. Agency: Laurel PD / Application#: 19-004

The application seeks \$5,557.00 to purchase 20 updated fingerprint kits; 20 upgraded picatinny Quad rifle rails and 20 Streamlight. Application approved.

2. Agency: Blades PD / Application#: 19-009

The application seeks \$2,000.00 (reduced at the meeting from the original \$3,146.46) to upgrade car camera system to allow for auto download of data. Application approved for reduced amount.

3. Agency: Newark PD / Application# 19-021

The application seeks \$7,800.00 to purchase Field Training Documentation Software (LEFTA). Application approved.

4. Agency: Cheswold PD / Application# 19-033

The application seeks \$3,635.43 to upgrade an outdated mobile radio. Application approved.

5. Agency: Elsmere PD / Application# 19-035

The application seeks \$10,390.00 to upgrade two (2) in-car camera systems. Existing systems are over nine years old. Application approved.

6. Agency: Middletown PD / Application# 19-036

The application seeks \$4,539.00 to purchase portable radio for the Crime Reduction Team. Application approved.

7. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application# 19-040

The application seeks \$270.00 to purchase a Thunderbolt Monoshock Ram for SWAT team. Application approved.

8. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application# 19-041

The application seeks \$3,650.00 to purchase a metal detector for the EOD team to aid in detecting explosives. Application approved.

9. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application# 19-042

The application seeks \$6,117.00 for training of EOD members on the main robotic platform. Application approved

10. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application# 19-044

The application seeks \$3,192.00 to purchase night/day binoculars for Special Investigations Squad. Application approved

11. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application# 19-046

The application seeks \$40,878.00 to purchase a bomb suit and accessories to upgrade the 15 year old suit currently being used. Application approved

12. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application# 19-049

The application seeks \$26,445.00 to purchase upgraded Scan-X Scout with battery which operates faster and more efficiently than the one currently in use. Application approved

13. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application# 19-050

The application seeks \$16,985.00 to purchase two (2) Throw Bot and Extension sticks for SWAT Team. One replaces an older version and the other is a new purchase. Application approved

14. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application# 19-051

The application seeks \$3,900.00 to purchase thirty (30) uniforms for Mobile Field Force Team. Application approved

15. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application# 19-052

The application seeks \$5,980.00 to purchase two (2) grenade launchers for Mobile Field Force Team. Application approved

16. Agency: Wilmington PD / Application# 19-055

The application seeks \$30,000.00 for equipment upgrades to Bluetooth for Crisis Management Hostage Negotiation Team. The current throw-away command console has stopped functioning. Application approved

17. Agency: New Castle City PD / Application# 19-056

The application seeks \$13,980.96 to upgrade three (3) portable APX5000 radios to APX6000 versions. Application approved

Public Comment

None.

Next Scheduled Meeting

December 3, 2019

Adjournment

With no further business before the SLEAF Committee, Capt. Feldmann moved to adjourn the meeting, Chief Giles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.